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Since taking over my duties as Director of Central Intelligence, I have been making a concerted effort to develop the work of the Central Intelligence Agency with respect to the making of national estimates. There has, in fact, been recently established within the Agency a new Office of National Estimates, and Dr. William L. Langer, whom you know, has come to Washington to serve as Assistant Director in charge of that Office.

There are a number of problems connected with the organization of this work which I regard as of very great importance, and it would be helpful both to Dr. Langer and myself if you would come to Washington in the near future and discuss some of these problems with us. If this can be fitted into your plans, we will of course bear all expenses incident to your trip to Washington.

Sincerely,

WALTER B. SMITH  
Director

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